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NACOGDOCHES MAN ADMITS TO POSSESSION OF PCP

(Lufkin, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced today that a 34-year-old Nacogdoches man has pleaded guilty to federal drug charges in the Eastern District of Texas. **LARON MALLET** admitted to possession with intent to distribute phencyclidine, also known as PCP, before United States Magistrate Judge Earl Hines.

According to information presented in court, the defendant was a passenger in a car pulled over for speeding on February 16, 2006, in Angelina County, in the Eastern District of Texas. During the traffic stop, the trooper noticed an odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle. A canine unit was alerted to the presence of narcotics in the vehicle, where a search resulted in the discovery of three bottles containing a clear substance. The substance believed to be phencyclidine was located underneath the front passenger seat, where the defendant was seated. The DPS crime lab tested the substance and it was determined to be 70.38 grams of phencyclidine.

Mallet faces a sentence up to 5 years imprisonment and a fine up to \$250,000.00. A sentencing date has not been set.

This case is being investigated by DPS Narcotics and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Reynaldo P. Morin.

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